



LIBERTY LINK

A Newsletter for Liberty Lake Citizens

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A BRAND NEW LOOK FOR THE LINK!

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

With fall just around the corner and the leaves turning color, many changes have occurred over these past nine months. We have revamped our newsletter and are working on enhancing our website. Many projects have been completed and many are being planned that will determine the future of Liberty Lake. You may access the website (www.libertylakewa.gov) day or night to get information about projects, ordinances, resolutions or minutes to council meetings.

The recently acquired 27,000 sq ft Public Safety / Library building will be remodeled, with an anticipated move-in date of January, 2009. This will be a permanent location for our police department, and will provide three times the amount of current space for the Library.

Rocky Hill Park's first phase is nearing completion and, in conjunction with Arbor Day, we will plant a tree. Please join us on October 10th at 4p.m. to celebrate.

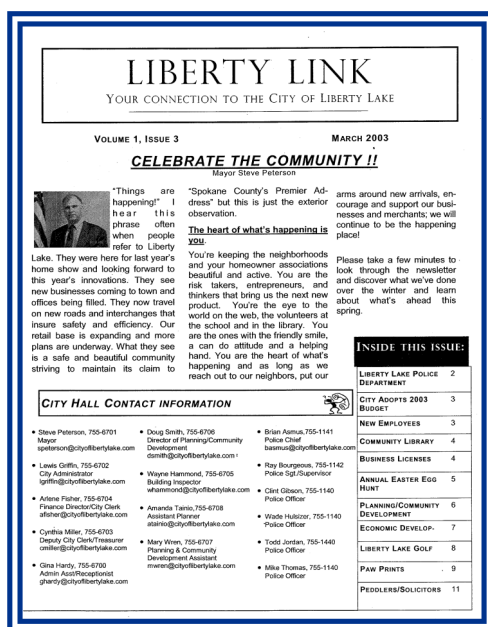
Mayor Wendy Van Orman



THE NEW LINK

By Troy Mullenix
Recreation Coordinator

The City of Liberty Lake is proud to finally release an all new version of our city newsletter, the Liberty Link. City staff has been hard at work over the past couple weeks preparing and editing this newsletter. The Liberty Link is published monthly to inform our citizens about upcoming events, recreation programs, issues, and policies of our city government. This marks the first major facelift of the Link since the latter part of 2004.



Old 2003 Liberty Link

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CITY TO BEGIN 2009 BUDGET PROCESS

By Jessica Platt

Administrative Services Manager

This month the City Council will embark on the budgeting process for 2009. The Council will look at possible revenues and expenditures for the upcoming year. Designing a city budget requires a great deal of effort, careful ordering of priorities, and considerable input from residents.



The initial budget process is beginning early in the year. During this time, the City Council will be establishing budget goals. City staff collaborates with the Mayor to review each department's current budget and plans for the next year. Department managers begin determining what projects will see completion and what, if any, projects will need to carry over into the next budget year. In addition, departments are asked to prepare requests for new services or programs being planned for the coming year. Long-range plans are also discussed each budget year and are reviewed as part of the current budget goals and objectives.

In October/November the City Council will hold a public hearing on revenue sources for the coming year's budget. In November the preliminary budget is filed with the

City Clerk and budget hearings begin. According to State Law, the budget must be adopted by December 31st.



This year the budget has been enhanced to provide a financial education for the reader. It will include a narrative portion that describes revenue sources in detail, as well as expenditures including each department's mission, goals, and performance measurements. The budget process works to assure resources are wisely used to ensure adequate funding for the services, public facilities, and infrastructure necessary to meet the community's present and future needs.

2009 VOTER INFORMATION

By Pamela Mogen

Director of Library Services

VOTING QUESTIONS?

Am I registered?
Where's my ballot?
What are the issues?
Who's running?
How do I register?
Who's winning?



FIND THE ANSWERS @ THE LIBRARY!

The library's website has handy links to the answers to all these questions & more!

Use them at home or come in and we'll show you how!

www.libertylakewa.gov/library
Brochures on Voting Questions are available @ the library.



ARBOR DAY COMING UP

By Amanda Tainio

Planning & Building Services Manager

Arbor Day is coming up soon here in Liberty Lake. Come join us as the City celebrates our 6th Annual Arbor Day on Friday, October 10th, beginning at 4pm at Rocky Hill Park, located at the corner of Mission Ave. and Winrock St. The City will be planting a tree in the new park. This event is free and the public is invited to attend and help participate in this contribution to our Tree City USA status.



WHAT'S NEW

ROCKY HILL PARK TO OPEN



Construction on Phase 1 of Rocky Hill Park should be completed by the end of the month.

PARKS PLANNING COMMITTEE SURVEY RESULTS IN

By Cindy Esch

Parks Planning Committee Chair

The Parks Planning Committee has announced that the recent Liberty Lake Parks Survey Results have been compiled. To view the results visit: www.libertylakeparks.org or stop on by City Hall to pick-up a free packet.

Dept. of Licensing to Help With Licensing in Liberty Lake

By Cindy Smith

City Clerk

We are pleased to announce that the City of Liberty Lake is partnering with the Washington Department of Licensing's Master License Service (MLS). This partnership will become effective October 13, 2008.

What are the benefits of an MSL Partnership?

Our partnership with MLS will allow you "one-stop shopping" when maintaining or renewing many of your state and city licenses. In addition to filing on paper, many of you will have the option to renew your city license online. New or expanding

businesses will also be able to apply for their city license online along with other state and local licenses that are in the system.

What do I have to do?

Right now, you do not have to take any action. Six weeks before your current license expiration date, the Master License Service will send you a license renewal form to renew your City of Liberty Lake business license. Follow the instructions on the renewal notice.

What fees will I have to pay?

Your renewal form will list the City of Liberty Lake license fee. This first MLS renewal may be prorated for less than a year in order to change your current city license expiration date to match with the expiration date MLS already has for your business in their system. The City of Liberty Lake has lowered the license fee.

LIBERTY LAKE MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

OCTOBER STORY TIMES AT THE LIBERTY LAKE LIBRARY

By Amy Dickeson

Children's Librarian

Stories and Crafts

Fridays and Saturdays

10:30am

And Friday Afternoons at 1:00
3 years and up

Oct 3, 4 Fairy Tales

Oct 10, 11 Creepy Crawlies

Oct 17, 18 Monsters

Oct 24, 25 Pumpkins

Oct 31, Nov 1 Halloween



Mondays
10:15 and 11:00am
Baby Laptime
Books, Rhymes, and Music
Ages 9 - 24 months



Tuesdays
10:30am
Toddler/Preschool
Story Time
Stories, music, and
dramatic play
18+ months

Liberty Lake Municipal Library

1421 N. Meadowood Lane, Suite 130, 140 Liberty Lake, WA 99019

Phone: 509-232-2510 Fax: 509-232-2512

Halloween Party at the Library! Thursday Oct. 30th (5:30-7:30pm)

Mayor Van Orman



HOW TO SUBMIT A QUESTION?

One of my goals as Mayor of Liberty Lake is to be as open as I can and give answers to some questions you may have. Hence, we have created a special question and answer area in our newsletter. Please send any questions you may have to: vanorman@libertylakewa.gov. I will try to answer most of your questions in upcoming newsletters. Until then, I look forward to meeting you.



Q: "Why did you change the speed limit from 45 mph to 35 mph on Country Vista?"

A: "Since our neighboring city has paved Appleway Rd the current speed limit is at 35 mph." There is a small section of road that could cause our residents to be caught in a speed trap because of the 45 mph changing to 35 mph. We have marked the new changes with orange flagging to help identify the speed limit changes. The following was an e-mail I received that makes the case. It stated: *"It is interesting to note that two out of the first three times I drove on the newly completed section of Appleway, there was a Spokane Valley policeman there sitting on one of the side roads. The first time was when the first day that the eastbound lanes were opened. The second time was when the other lanes had been opened a couple of days later."* The city also needed to change the speed limit in the section of road for new commercial buildings and the entry approaches on Country Vista Drive. We needed to correct that with an ordinance, so we took a band-aid approach and made it consistent from one entry point to the other."

Q: "It seems like the City of Liberty Lake is still growing despite the economy. Would you agree?"

A: "Despite the economy, we had 86 new applications for business licensing in the city this year and we are in a unique situation of still being in a growth mode. We have numerous new businesses making our community home such as

Emerald City Smoothie and Country Vista Plaza. Our workforce continues to grow with over 5,000 people now employed in the city. Because we are a master planned community, we are planning for the growth making sure the necessary infrastructure is into place."

Q: "I haven't heard anything about the skate park, is it still going to happen?"

A: "The funding for the skate park grant has been approved and the skate park will be constructed at Pavillion Park in place of the volleyball area in the 2009 construction season. Over the winter season we will be finalizing the park and addressing the needs for the area residents. Skate boarders and BMX bikers, get ready to soon roll into a new skate park."

Q: "I have seen other cities web sites that are very accessible and easy to navigate. Is there something in the plans to update the City of Liberty Lake's web site as it can sometimes be hard to find information?"

A: "We are in the process of giving our website a major face lift. Since going online in 2005, the city has tried its hardest to maintain its website. However, with the growth of the city, and continuing advances in technology we have decided that it is time to once again update our site. We are welcome to any suggestions anyone may have. A good website is important so people have access to what is going on here, and so they can see what a great place Liberty Lake is to live, work, and play."

RECREATION SERVICES

NEW RECREATION PROGRAMS!

By Troy Mullenix

Recreation Coordinator

The Recreation Services Department is proud to announce new recreation offerings here in Liberty Lake. The City has partnered with the HUB, and the Liberty Lake Athletic Club. New programs include open swimming, and open gym where volleyball, basketball, pickleball, badminton and more are offered. This is the perfect way to stay active now that fall is here. We can't wait for new and exciting 2009 programs. The best way to stay informed is by being on our recreation events email list. To be added, simply send your request to: tmullenix@libertylakewa.gov.

MEET YOUR RECREATION COORDINATOR

Hello, my name is Troy Mullenix and I recently graduated from Eastern Washington University with my Bachelors Degree in Urban and Regional Planning. I have been working with the City of Liberty Lake since January as a planning intern, interim recreation coordinator, and now as a recreation coordinator / planner. I love sports, the outdoors, and spending time with my fiancée! This is a great city to be a part of, and I am looking forward to working with our community to provide quality recreation programs for all ages and abilities. I look forward to meeting you sometime soon!



GUITAR HERO SPECIAL THANKS

By Troy Mullenix

Recreation Coordinator

The Recreation Services Department would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that helped make our 1st ever Guitar Hero Tournament on August 22nd a "rockin" success! 50 participants registered and well over 200 people attended our event.

Special thanks to Blockbuster of Liberty Lake for their numerous donations and to Discount Music Supply for their Dean Electric Guitar which was given out as the grand prize! The Recreation Staff and Police Department thank the public for their support and we can't wait to rock on next year!

CASINO TRIP A SUCCESS!

By Troy Mullenix

Recreation Coordinator

The Recreation Services Department took its first trip to Northern Quest Casino on Sept. 30th. FREE transportation was provided to the casino where registrants enjoyed gambling, great food, shopping, and more. Joan, who made the trip said "There's no better way to spend 4 hours of the day filled with entertainment. It was nice to leave the driving up to someone else, and I came out \$10 ahead!" The trip was such a success, that the Recreation Department is already looking into another trip soon. Be sure to look for our next casino trip, and sign up quickly to reserve your spot!

GET INVOLVED!

For more information on recreation programs, activities, and events visit www.libertylakewa.gov/recreation or call Recreation Services at (509) 755-6726



23410 E Mission Ave

DAILY!

3:30—5:30 pm

Only \$4

\$5 for non-residents

No registration necessary

Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.



Acrylics Art Class

Tuesdays and Wednesdays

6:30pm—8:30pm

Choose any 3 class dates for only \$69

GET INVOLVED WITH THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE

Wednesday, Oct 1st

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—1pm, City Hall
- SCOPE Meeting, 6:30pm, City Hall

Thursday, Oct 2nd

- Rotary Club Meeting, 12pm, Best Western Peppertree—Liberty Lake Inn

Monday, Oct. 6th

- Legislative Reception, 1pm, City Hall

Tuesday, Oct. 7th

- City Council Meeting, 7pm, City Hall

Wednesday, Oct 8th

- Kiwanis Meeting, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—2pm, City Hall
- Planning Commission Meeting, 4pm, City Hall & River District Site Visit

Thursday, Oct 9th

- Rotary Club Meeting, 12pm, Best Western Peppertree—Liberty Lake Inn

Monday, Oct 13th

- Central Valley School Board Meeting 6:30pm, 19307 E. Cataldo Ave.

Wednesday, Oct 15th

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Sewer / Water Board Meeting, 7pm, Denny Ashlock Building
- Senior Lunch, 11am—1pm, City Hall

Thursday, Oct 16th

- Rotary Club Meeting, 12pm, Best Western Peppertree—Liberty Lake Inn

Tuesday, Oct 21st

- City Council Meeting, 7pm, City Hall

Wednesday, Oct 22nd

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—1pm, City Hall
- Planning Commission Special Meeting, 4pm, City Hall
- Meadowwood Homeowner's Assoc. Meeting, 7pm, Denny Ashlock Building

Thursday, Oct 23rd

- Rotary Club Meeting, 12pm, Best Western Peppertree—Liberty Lake Inn

Monday, Oct 27th

- Central Valley School Board Meeting 6:30pm, 19307 E. Cataldo Ave.

Wednesday, Oct 29th

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—1pm, City Hall

Thursday, Oct 30th

- Rotary Club Meeting, 12pm, Best Western Peppertree—Liberty Lake Inn

Friday, Oct 31st

- Halloween

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



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